

October 10, 2013

Linda Reeves, WTR-6
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms. Reeves:

The Hopi Tribe would like to respectfully request that the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP) be considered for additional EPA funding through the FY 2014 and FY 2015 EPA Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside program.

The HAMP is a cooperative project of the Hopi Tribe, the Hopi Villages of First and Second Mesas, the EPA, the IHS, and potentially the BIA, HUD, and the USDA. As envisioned, the HAMP will provide a sufficient quantity of high quality arsenic compliant water to First and Second Mesas, and is the mechanism identified by the EPA compliance plans with the Villages of First and Second Mesa to bring those Villages' water systems into Safe Drinking Water Act compliance.

The HAMP has been the beneficiary of DWTSA funds in the past, with those funds currently being used in part to drill the Turquoise Trail Wells #2 and #3, which will be the primary water source for the HAMP. An additional contribution of DWTSA funds to the HAMP would facilitate continued planning, design, and project development of the HAMP, and position the HAMP for construction commencement.

Please see the attached HAMP cost estimates for HAMP phases one through three, and the HAMP funding summary. As currently projected, for full construction of the HAMP, there is a funds deficit of approximately \$13 million dollars. That deficit will be met in part by Tribal contributions, IHS funding, potential BIA contributions, and a possible USDA loan. The Tribe requests that the EPA consider another DWTSA lump sum contribution towards the HAMP. If so granted, the Tribe designates the IHS, as the lead federal agency of the HAMP, to receive and administer the DWTSA funds, and to expend the funds towards the full completion of the HAMP.

Sincerely,

LeRoy N. Shingoitewa, Chairman
Hopi Tribe